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Dramatic Club Chooses Cast

While the Glee Club rehearses for "The Gypsy Baron", another dramatic group is putting its best efforts into a Christmas musicale. Though still in the casting stage, members of the Dramatic Club are working feverishly to bring the real meaning of Christmas into the hearts of all Michaelites and their families.

Sister Jane Donald O. P. wishes to thank the many girls who enrolled in the Dramatic Club this September. Not all could be accepted for the Christmas play. Other members will be called upon for future presentations. The Christmas cast comprises: Marilyn Roerna, Patricia Clark, Constance Giarratani, Pat Ashley, Barbara Krahel, Mary Ann Eisenberger, Dianne McCarthy, Barbara Smith, Marilyn Milana, Catherine D'Amico, Kathleen Smith, Virginia Sano, Judith Faulkner, Julia Turbolenti, Judith Fennell, Rosemarie Iaconetti, Margaret Finnegan, Thomasina Logana, Patricia Fagle, Jeanne McNulty, Anna Stuporas, Maureen Murphy, Lorraine Galentini, Eleanor Webber, Fay Molina, Rosalie Aglialoro, Susan Finn, Marion Coyle, Frances Kaminski and Christine Farrell.

Plan now to invite your family and friends to a joyful and entertaining evening on December 12 at 8:00 p.m.

Christus Regnat!

Reverently and devoutly on the afternoon of October 20, Saint Michael's student body dedicated themselves to Christ the King. Bearing large crysanthemums, the class sodalists approached the altar of our Eucharistic King to offer the love and loyalty of their home room members. Following the installation of new Leo Honor Michaelites, Father Godfrey spoke on the importance of the honor conferred on the new members of the society. Student body representatives presented themselves in four groups, namely, freshmen, sophomores juniors and seniors while each room representative laid the petitions of her class at the feet of Christ the King. Bernadette Coyle had the honor of placing the crown on the head of the statue. The Glee Club rendered the musical selections followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Sister Marie Corde and Sister Mary Donald deserve credit for their untiring efforts in the preparation and execution of this worthy act of homage to our Divine Redeemer. Unexpected, honored guests were Mother M. Chrysestom, O.P., Mother M. Celeste, O.P., and Sister Mary Paul, O.P. They were deeply impressed by the reverence and dignity with which our Michaelites conducted the ceremony.

Schedule Of Events

November 11-Bus Ride to Amityville Teacher's Congress at St. John's University
November 12-Midterms
November 14-Card Party
November 14-15-16 Ninth Regional Congress Confraternity of Christian Doctrine
November 19-Operetta-The Gypsy Baron
November 21-22-23-Retreat at Amityville
November 27-Thanksgiving
December 1-Father's Club Meeting
December 5-Investing of new members of Blessed Virgin Sodality
December 12-Christmas Play

Michaelites To Visit Amityville

Buses, bound for Amityville will leave Saint Michael's at ten o'clock on November 11. Students, burdened with boxed lunches, will enjoy the extensive grounds on which the Dominican Novitiate is situated.

Besides visiting the convent chapel, grotto, and other points of interest, Michaelites will be permitted to chat with postulants and novices. They will also have the privilege of witnessing the impressive rendition of Compline and the Salve Procession which are held daily in the convent chapel. Novices, postulants and professed Sisters participate in this moving spectacle of devotion to Our Lord, Our Lady and Saint Dominic.

Thanksgiving

The merriment of laughter and the anticipation of a wonderful Thanksgiving Day provides a certain air of contentment in each American home.

But we should be mindful of the real meaning of Thanksgiving. Everyone thrills to the sound of the simple words, "Thank You." But there is someone we should thank every day, namely God, the God who gave His only Son, Jesus Christ, to live and die for us; Who gave us sun and stars, dawn and dusk, life and laughter, Who put flowing rivers in the midst of fertile fields, Who implanted in our hearts the gift of love.

With these thoughts in mind we anticipate a wonderful Thanksgiving Day, realizing that with its close a new and better one will open tomorrow, Thanks to God.

Glee Club To Present Strauss Operetta

Eileen Keown, Carole Huber, Theresa Bradley, and Josephine Gulotta listen to director in a scene from, "The Gypsy Baron."

"Great Sides of Bacon!" (accompanied by a snort). Pardon! This is the amusingly frequent expression of Mayor Kalman Zsupan, as played by Josephine Gulotta, in the current operetta, "The Gypsy Baron". The melodious strains of Johann Strauss will be heard on the evening of November 19, as the Glee Club presents this play filled with romance, comedy, and mystery.

Supported by Dianne Valek, as Otto; Theresa Brolley as Arletta; Theresa Zeni as Mirabella; and Carol Huber, Eugenia De Somma, Veronica Kozak and Beverly Johnston, they display great acting ability as the gypsy men and women, in the leading roles. The theme revolves about a Hungarian exile who is confronted with the problem of obtaining his rightful inheritance. He is opposed by the sinister mayor of his native country, befriended only by the helpful gypsies who succeed in bringing about an unexpected climax.

To Honor Our lady

During the present month the perpetual recitation of the Holy Rosary during the school day has been inaugurated here at St. Michael's. Each class has volunteered to send two representatives at the beginning of their study period to recite the Rosary before the statue of Our Lady in the lobby.

It has been through the 100% cooperation and whole-hearted enthusiasm of the entire student body that this beautiful Marian devotion has been initiated, and we are confident that it will continue to be a permanent practice in our everyday school life.

What joy we give to Our Blessed Mother when we come here to recite her beads, or if time only permits us to stop for a moment and say, "Hello Mary, please help me to become more Mary-like." At once we will notice the added happiness that will be ours—and never will we hear Our Lady's sad refrain, "There hath stood one in the midst of you, whom you know not."

Students Attend Press Conference

On Friday afternoon, October 23, Michaelites boarded a train at Van Siclen Avenue bound for Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School. The magnificent auditorium was filled to overflowing with representatives of high school newspapers and members of the Leo Honor Society. Saint Michael's Jeromettes were also included in the gathering for the Twelfth Annual Press Awards Day.

Moderators and staff members listened attentively to an excellent speech by Leo O'Brien, noted Catholic layman, who emphasized the power of the printed word and our responsibility to the reader. Awards were presented in the fields of humor, sports, news and editorials etc.

Although we did not bring home a trophy, we have renewed hopes for next year's success.

Yearbook To Have "New Look"

"A compository of one year's work," is another title given to a yearbook. Nothing specific may be stated about the feature of our forthcoming Archangel. Although the staff is trying to improve upon many ideas, it is not definite what plan of action will be followed "The staff members," states Sister Mary Carol, the Archangel's moderator, "are working like eager beavers, planning, preparing and executing their assigned tasks. The goal of the Archangel is to produce a book that will express the ideals and spirit of the school."

Confraternity Conducts Congress

Priests, faculty members, and students of Saint Michael's High School plan to participate in the Ninth Regional Congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine on November 14, 15, 16. His Excellency, Bishop McEntegart, has expressed an earnest desire for Religious and lay people to register for this wonderful expression of Catholic apostolic zeal. Since the Congress is a Diocesan project, Saint Michael's is giving the event its wholehearted support.

Rev. Kenneth M. J. Morgan, S.T.L., associate director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine for our diocese concluded his radio address as follows: "We confidently entrust this important project, The Ninth Regional Congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine to the maternal care and protection of Mary, The Seat of Wisdom, the Mother and Teacher of Jesus, with the fervent prayer that this Congress may truly be a source of grace, inspiration and benefit to all."

Tribute To Pius XII

On the morning of October 9, 1958, God chose to call to His side, a great man, loved and respected by the entire world. Surely we know every detail, for we have spent many hours dwelling over the newspaper reports, concerning the beautiful passing of Eugenio Pacelli, the Pope of Peace.

The particulars of his saintly life, prior to his election to the Papacy, though they are interesting, are not important now. It is the majesty of his nature and the intangible power that he held over the hearts of men, that endeared him to all people, that make him unforgettable. Those who saw him describe him as a figure of graceful dignity. His step was soft and slow, his head erect. Even in death his "face was a mask of serenity, his jaw firm."

His personality and natural charm were a great asset to his station. In audiences with the public he moved quietly among them, stopping to bless a baby; to comfort a disfigured soldier. Under the gentle gaze of his enormous black eyes, his visitors melted. At the sound of his voice many wept. Often he wept with them.

Living in the United States we were unfortunate in hearing so little of him, in life. And yet, His Holiness had a deep affection for America and her people. In 1936 he honored us with a visit. More than half of today's American Heirarchy was appointed by Pius XII. He canonized the first American saint, Mother Frances Cabrini. His graciousness to Americans in audience will never be forgotten. I have heard it said that even before the frail form appeared in the balcony overlooking Saint Peter's Square his approach was "felt" by the waiting crowd, and a great hush fell over them, which lasted until he had raised his hands over them in final blessing.

On one occasion he received a group of baseball players in private audience. As this special audience was drawing to a close, Joe Medwick, who is still amazed at his own boldness, in joking with the pope, said, "I was a Cardinal once myself, Your Holiness." Pius turned quickly. He was flabbergasted. "And how could that have been, my son?" he asked. As Joe explained about the St. Louis Cardinals, the Holy Father grinned broadly. "I guess I really walked into that one."

Catholics the world over feel deeply the loss of their beloved Shepherd of Souls. The very soul of Peace weeps bitterly for her greatest and strongest advocate. Bishop Sheen has said of him. "The rock now goes back to Him Who laid it, but we, the moss who clung to it, are heartbroken at the loss."

In his will the Holy Father left instructions that no monument should be erected in his honor. Did he not realize that no such monument need be built to ensure his memory in our hearts? His monument is a living one, alive in the hearts of every person who approaches the altar to receive the most Holy Eucharist, observing the new and easier fast of Pius XII.

In the life and death of our saintly pastor, the love of God shone forth from everything he said and did. United in Heaven with his beloved Savior and the Virgin Mary, to whom he always had a particular devotion, Pius has assumed a place of honor; his requests are granted. Ask him to intercede with Mary, Queen of Peace, that men may live in charity and brotherly love. Pray also the Virgin's Rosary that the atheistic Communism, he fought so untiringly, will be abolished forever.

We Catholic students have a special message from the late pope which contains the whole principle and core of our attendance at school: "pupils of a Catholic institute should not conceive of their future careers as simple social functions.....with no immediate relationship to their condition as baptized persons. On the contrary they must always think of them as the exercise of a responsibility in saving the world by means of which.....they will realize their highest spiritual destiny."

Remember that our beloved Father now stands very close to the throne of God Almighty in Paradise. O Blessed Pius, never cease to intercede with Him for the causes of His poor children!

Anne Hill

Cheerful, Courteous, Considerate

Cheerful, Courteous, Considerate--How often have you seen these words since school started in September? Probably every day, for they have been posted in corridors on every floor throughout the school. But why were they put there--certainly not to be ignored. This slogan was put there to influence each girl in our school. Its purpose is to develop these characteristics in girls who lack them and to make them more evident in those who already possess them.

Cheerful--The cheerful girl is an asset to any group be it family, class or business firm. Her warm smile and pleasant word often succeed in changing her associates' outlook on the coming day. Once they come in contact with her the day no longer seems to be dark and gloomy. Whenever you're down in the dumps she seems to be able to say the right thing to cheer you up.

Courteous, Considerate--To be courteous is to be considerate; to be considerate is to be courteous. It is nearly impossible to distinguish one from the other. The considerate, courteous girl will have a strong regard for the rights and feelings of her companions; she conducts herself in a manner befitting a lady. She takes time to hold the door open for the person following her, she bids the time of day to her teachers and superiors and tries to be of help to her classmates. Our C-C girl will accept constructive criticism without answering back, sulking, or thinking, "That teacher! She is always picking on me."

The three R's are the basis of our business education. Let the three C's be the foundation of your social education. Use them as your rule. If you try to develop courtesy, cheerfulness, and consideration, you need never worry about fitting into any group. You will be the type of warm. congenial personality admired and accepted by all people.

Carol Lioio

I'll Remember This, Always

It was six o'clock when I arose on Tuesday morning September sixteenth. My mother and I ate breakfast, got dressed and off we were. My aunt, uncle and cousin picked us up at seven. Then the journey to Maryknoll began. Along the way I could not help thinking of how my second cousin would look dressed as a Bishop. After getting lost in Yonkers we finally arrived at Maryknoll, five minutes before the ceremony was to start. We were escorted into the Queen of Apostles Chapel by one of the seminarians. No sooner were we seated when the organ music began followed by a procession of priests, bishops and archbishops. It was twenty-five to ten when the consecrator, Bishop Bryan J. McEntegart began the ceremony. First there was the Reading of the Mandate and then the Examination followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. After the reading of the Sequence came the Imposition of the Hands, the Anointing of the Head and Hands with holy chrism and the blessing and bestowal of the crosier and the ring. After the Gospel, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen gave, what I thought it to be, a very sad sermon on the new Bishop's work and responsibilities in Korea. Following the Post Communion prayers came the blessing and bestowal of the mitre and gloves. The blessing of the faithful by the newly consecrated Bishop was given. Finally at twelve o'clock the ceremony was over and Father Jim Pardy was now the Most Reverend James V. Pardy, Vicar Apostolic and Bishop of Chong Ju in Korea. A delicious dinner was served by the seminarians followed by an impressive speech given by the new Bishop. After that we took pictures and talked with our relatives. At last we were able to congratulate the new Bishop, kiss his ring and talk awhile. It was now four o'clock and we decided to leave. I will always remember this day for it was truly a day of honor and rejoicing for our family.

Maureen Pardy
E43-202

The Unknown Soldier

We paused beside the marble stone,
To say a silent prayer.
A sacred kind of hush fell over all,
The people standing there.

The glory of our nation's shrine,
Was deep within each heart
A memory of the lad who played
The unknown soldier's part.

A HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS

INQUIRING REPORTER

When asked what they thought of Saint Michael's, these freshmen had this to say:

Rose Ann DeMarco E 12-101
Well! It is a change from elementary school but I suppose I'll have to get used to it for the four years I hope to attend!

Louise Oliver E 12-101
I think my school is both modern and capable of teaching its students in the proper manner.

Judith Faulkner E 14-101
I like it, but I really wanted to be in the new building. I know I'll have something to look forward to in my sophomore year.

Theresa Conway E 14-104
I like it and I think it's really a good change from grammar school. I like all my subjects.

Margaret Del Grosso E 13-102
The subjects are different and that makes it more interesting. The time goes faster.

Barbara Piano E 13-102
It is a great change from grammar school and I'm beginning to find it more interesting and exciting as it goes on.

Jacqueline Fuccillo E 11-103
I think it is very nice, and I believe I'll like it even more as I go on.

Anne Marie Tarrell E 11-103
I think it is very nice and holds many opportunities for a good education.

Seniors Invade Nation's Capitol

Once again the capitol of the country Washington D.C., was invaded. The avant garde composed of the 1959 Seniors, led the way through the perils of highways and byways. Supplies had been obtained, department stores turned upside down for clothes, and combat boots were purchased to endure the hardship of the tours.

The troops were transported in comfortable coaches on November first and returned to their home front November third. Food was served at pleasant locations along the way.

After reaching their destination the Seniors were billeted at the luxurious Hotel Woodner. The officers-in-charge were Sister Clarence Aloysia O.P. and members of the faculty.

Places of interest viewed by the students were: The Capitol Building, The Federal Bureau of Investigation, Changing of the Guard at Arlington Cemetery, Mount Vernon and the Francisan Monastery. At night, tours of Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials were conducted.

The Seniors received their spiritual nourishment at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

On the return journey the battle-weary regiment spent a few leisure hours at Annapolis. Such were the joys of conflict.

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St. Michael's Welcomes Pastor, Fr. Godfrey

Fr. Godfrey Leuchinger O.F.M.

We the students of Saint Michael's wish to extend a sincere and cordial welcome to our new pastor, Rev. Father Godfrey Leuchinger O.F.M., Cap.

Endowed with a congenial personality and keen sense of humor, Father Godfrey is fast endearing himself to the student body. As catechist of the senior classes, these qualities enable the girls to enjoy the full value of his excellent discussions. His skill as a teacher is evidenced by the rapt attention of the students.

Before his appointment to Saint Michael's in July, Father held the office of novice master at Milton, Massachusetts. This position required him to instruct the young men who had reached the novitiate stage in their training for the priesthood.

One of his first tasks was the arrangement of a schedule whereby a catechist instructs each religion class once every two weeks. The girls look forward to these classes as highlights in the daily program.

Although Father Godfrey has only been here a short time and his contacts with the students few and brief, he has already impressed us with his gentle, Christ-like personality.

Our Devoted Catechists

Fr. Godfrey Leuchinger, O.F.M. Cap.
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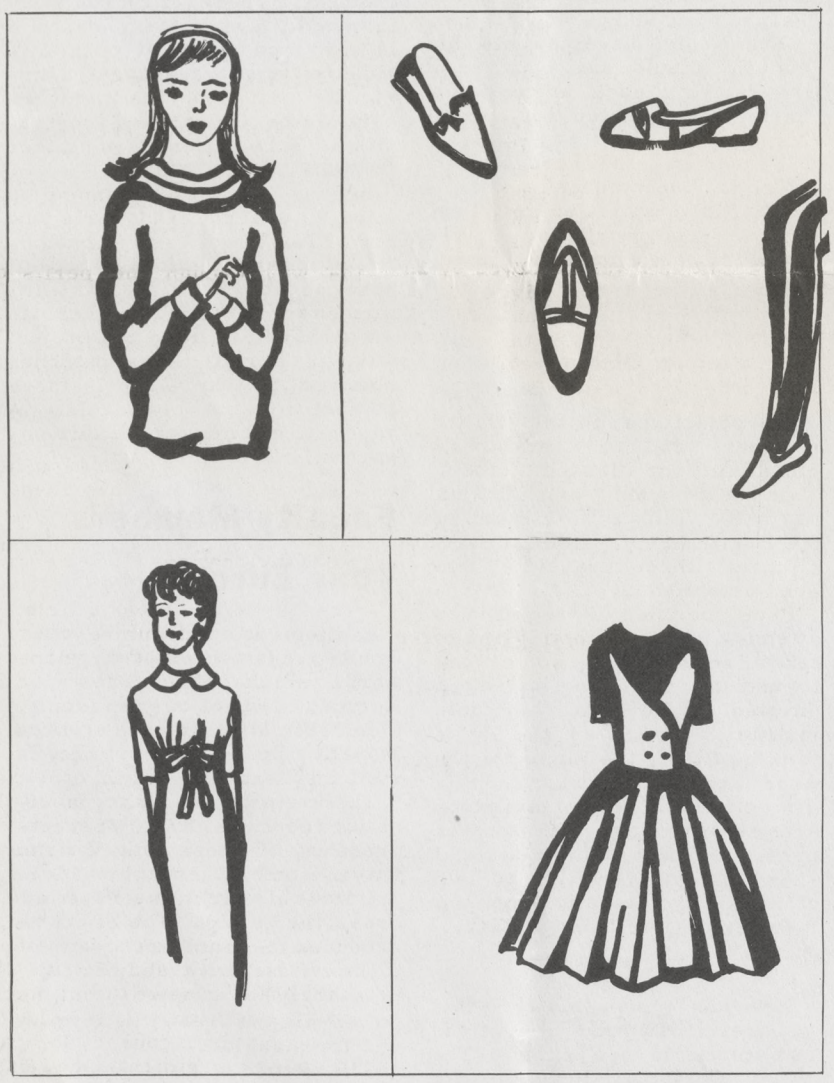

Fashions

"Good Bye Chemise"

Girls! Are you a trend setter or a fad follower? If for instance, your entire wardrobe consists of last year's new-look, you're in for quite a jolt when you realize it's on the way out.

This season you have a splash of colors to choose from. Bold plaids with clashing colors, brilliant oranges and golds, festive greens, royal blues, glowing reds, and colorful prints, making it especially easy to choose one's most flattering colors. These colors will be made into fabrics of woolens, jerseys, and nylons.

The Empire Line is a popular favorite this fall, followed by the new long-long sweaters over casual clothing. Low bodice dresses with their billowing skirts will make you feel like the bell of the ball. In my candid opinion potatoes and not people belong in sacks, and the trapeze and baloon belong in the circus. Hemlines still continue to go up.

The "leggy look" is the thing, we see it evident with shorter skirts and leotards.

Men beware! Those pointed shoes are a deadly weapon.

256 Michaelites Receive Rings

The eagerly awaited day of October 31, has at last arrived. Each senior leaves her house, not clad in the usual green uniform, but in her Sunday best. At the beginning of third period, the juniors pinned a gold chrysanthemum on the senior assigned to them. Why all this preparation? It was Ring Day, of course. The magic moments had finally arrived.

Strains of music filled Saint Michael's Church as 256 seniors marched up the aisle. Juniors and accelerated sophomores looked on with longing and hope. As each senior went up to the altar to receive a blessing and her ring, cameras flashed and clicked. Mothers and Fathers looked on with pride and love. Father Godfrey, pastor of Saint Michael's, officiated at the ceremony. The speech he delivered will be remembered by all because of its beautiful and worthwhile message.

As the seniors marched out of church, bubbling with joy, they were awaited by juniors and sophomores, who admired gleaming emerald rings. An unforgettable day in the lives of all Michaelites.

First Hop Is Success

Saint Michael's held its first dance of the season Friday evening, October 17 in the Father Paschal Memorial Hall from eight to twelve-o'clock.

An estimated eleven hundred teenagers representing at least seven schools, danced to the music of the Silver Star Band.

During the intermission boys and girls from various schools were interviewed by your Victor reporter. Here are some of the comments:

Chuck Hacense of Bishop Loughlin liked the girls and had a favorable impression of the band and the dance.

"I couldn't move," was the frank comment of Bob Beers a student of Queens College. He added that he would like to see more girls of the sixteen to nineteen years age group.

Our own Carol Kocik of Saint Michael's stated, "The dance was very enjoyable but some of the girls and boys were too young. There should be a defi - nite age limit."

Representing BishopMcDonnell we have Barbara Kelinger who agreed with Miss Kocik about setting an age limit. She also said the band played very well and she is looking forward to the future dances.

From a working man's viewpoint, Eddie Beckmen, we heard, "He had a wonderful time and the band was great."

We would like to thank all who helped to make Saint Michael's first dance the tremendous success it was.

Poor Souls Seek Your Assistance

"Out of the depths I cry unto O Lord"---is the constant cry of the Souls in Purgatory who need the help of everyone on earth.

Since the time of Adam and Eve and their sin, many thousands of persons have died with sins on their souls. Some are condemned to Hell, where there is no hope of gaining eternal happiness, while others are sentenced to Purgatory, the place of hopeful souls, who must pay for their offences. It is here that our own beloved friends and relatives will stay until their time of sentence is over. Waiting is painful. These souls suffer the pains of fire, the loss of the sight of Almighty God, and the inability to pray for themselves. Here it is that we can come to their aid.

Each ejaculation we murmer, each sacrifice we perform, no matter how trifling it may seem, means hope for a poor and desolate soul. Their eternal happiness depends entirely upon our charity. The loving Heart of Jesus, aflame with compassion for His prisoners, will reward us a hundredfold, for our generosity.

Oh if only we could see the happiness and joy of Heaven, when Our Lord sends His special angel to lead a released soul. to its Eternal beatitude, how unceasing would our devotion to them be!

To Our Lady

There was a child so sweet and pure
A child who would for God endure
A life of heartaches and of fears,
A life always filled with tears.

This holy child, filled with love,
Was blessed with grace by God above
And from the moment of her living
Grace to her He kept giving.

Then one day an Angel came
And told her of her coming fame
The Mother of God she was to be
The Mother of Christ, Who made us free.

As Christ lived His sorrowful life,
His enemies caused her such great strife
And every time Our Lord is slain,
She would always feel His pain.

Yes, truly Mary's life was hard
But she offered it to God
And that is why she's known today
As the Queen of those who pray.

LETTER TO FRANCES LEO

Miss Frances Leo
57 Troutman Avenue
Brooklyn 6, New York

October 7, 1958

Dear Miss Leo:

We are pleased to inform you that your transcript of the September competition page from the Pitman Journal has been awarded first prize.

Please accept our sincere congratulations.

Very truly yours,
Rose L. Keurajian

RLK:MS

Introducing New Faculty

This fall Saint Michael's welcomed twelve new faculty members. They represent Universities and colleges in the metropolitan area and one well known European University. Here is a brief survey of their ideals and ideas.

Sister Miriam Michael O. P.

"Always be ladies in school, and out and at all times", is the worthwhile recommendation of Sister Miriam Michael, our popular Mathematics teacher. Sister has previously taught at St. Pancras, and Sacred Heart schools. To some of her students, here in St. Michael's, Sister is "a memorable friend" from grammar school days. We strongly feel that Sister's presence on the staff will be of spiritual as well as educational value to all.

Sister Christine Mary O.P.

We are indeed fortunate to have Sister Christine Mary teaching stenography and typing. Sister has taught at Saint Ignatius in Hicksville and Saint Michael's Grammar School. Sister remarked that she has found a fine spirit of cooperation among the girls especially the freshmen classes. Sister believes that we should: "Keep up the willingness to work and the eagerness to learn and this will not only help you but benefit the school as a whole."

Dr. Erlich

Mrs. Erlich our new faculty member comes to us from Austria. She was born in Vienna and studied at the University of Vienna. She graduated with a doctorate. She majored in History and Art. Mrs. Erlich taught with the Dr. Maria Montessort Organization. She has taught in many countries and says that girls are all alike. She is enjoying Saint Michael's and wishes to stay with us for some time.

Miss Walsh

Representing St. John's University is Miss Walsh. When asked what subject she enjoys teaching, her comment was "I love teaching all my subjects." She also commented enthusiastically on the school uniform because so many girls today do not know the correct way to dress when they go out to the business world. Miss Walsh answered the query about remaining at Saint Michael's by replying, "I could stay here the rest of my life."

Mrs. Cole

Mrs. Cole is a graduate of St. John's College and has been teaching for eight years. Some of the schools in which she has taught are: St. Ambrose Grammar School, All Saints Commercial and Katherine Gibbs College in New York. Mrs. Cole finds that English and Religion are the subjects which she most enjoys teaching. Mrs. Cole finds her teaching assignment very interesting and we sincerely hope that she will remain with us for many years.

Miss Fetscho

Miss Fetscho, a resident of Manhattan, has taught at Queens College. She is a graduate of Fordham University. Mathematics is her favorite subject, History, Religion and World Geography are also on her program.

Mrs. Petraglia

Mrs. Petraglia teaches Business Arithmetic, Algebra, and Biology. She enjoys teaching Mathematics. She is a graduate of Queens College and resides in Queens Village. Mrs. Petraglia commented that "The girl who gets ahead is not the girl who dresses well but the one who has learned to handle responsibility and who proves she is ambitious by her hard work."

Miss Sinnott

A graduate of Saint John's College, Miss Sinnott enjoys teaching English. From her experience she has found the girls in Saint Michael's very ladylike and mature.

Mrs. Roberts

When asked what subjects she likes to teach Mrs. Roberts charmingly replied "I just love teaching." Creative Writing was her major subject in Hunter College. She was born in Brooklyn New York. Her comment about the girls in St. Michael's is, "the girls are very cheerful but aren't too studious."

Miss Wilhelm

Miss Wilhelm was born in Queens, New York. She attended Hunter College and majored in English. A great sports lover, she is looking forward to the school dances and varsity games. Miss Wilhelm has already taught at a school where the girls had a very high intellectual rating.

Miss Iaconi

Cheerful Miss Iaconi is enjoying Saint Michael's. While studying in Fordham University, she majored in Social Studies. Religion is the subject she likes best. The girls in Saint Michael's are, "sweet and loveable". She plans to have a long association with Saint Michael's.

Miss Carroll

Miss Carroll a student from Queens College majored in Mathematics. She has taught in other schools and she says, "the girls in Saint Michael's are talkative but nicer." Her future plans are to stay here in Saint Michael's. We hope she plans to be with us for several years.

"Hello" and "Goodbye" are words which are often spoken. In our case, we hope that we will always be greeting these new members of our staff with 'Hello' instead of "Goodbye." This addition to our faculty, we are confident, will get the full cooperation of the student body and we sincerely hope that their association with St. Michael's will be a long and happy one.

Varsity Prepares For Busy Season

Yea, team, Yea! These were the shouts of the crowd, cheering our varsity on to a 55-48 victory over Our Lady of Perpetual Help High School in the game of October 31. Captain Maureen Judge's 29 points and Patricia Walsh's 14 points helped raise our score. Ann Harrington and co-captain Betty Chritie played a terrific game also. With such a beginning the team is looking forward to a good season. Games are scheduled with the teams of: Our Lady of Wisdom Academy, Bishop McDonnell Memorial, Stella Maris, Saint Angela Hall, and Saint Joseph's Commercial. Under the direction of Sister Marie Corde and Miss Czuba's capable coaching, Saint Michael's team's hopes are high.

Team members, Gloria Weigand, Jean Brush, Claire Rugg, Maureen McElwrath, Ethel Robinson, Cheryle Keatney, Ellen Moran, Mary Ellen Bittel, Grace Ahearn, Sylvia Neweth, Geraldine Crawford, Regina Weber, Phyllis Hennerberger, Kathleen Nestle, Ann Gisindo, Ann Calondrino, Geraldine Falgiano and Geraldine Chilius are looking forward to hearing your cheers for them at the coming games. Let's get behind our team and spur them on to victory.

Spotlighting Activities

Leo Honor

An A in conduct, a 90% average with at least 85% in every subject, and an outstanding character are the qualifications for membership in the Leo Honor Society. The moderator is Sister Miriam Michael, who is a new addition to Saint Michael's faculty.

At the last meeting the election of officers took place. The results were Eugenia DeSomma as president and Beverly Johnston as Vice President. Both these girls, have, by their past work, merited these offices.

The installation of new members took place in the parish church on Monday afternoon, October 21. Father Godfrey, the new pastor of Saint Michael's, presented the honors. This was one of the happiest days in the lives of Diane Arth, Barbara Riordan, Joan Gildea, Mary Hennessy, Diane Lamont, Margarete Lesar, Jeanine Manzolillo, Lillian Penna, Mary Timmes, Theresa Cuozzo, Joan Silwanowicz, Joan Doerbecker, Frances Kaminski and Katherine Shaltonis. The old members who proudly looked on are: Virginia Basch, Agnes Curran, Rose Carrano, Mary Cammareri, Eileen Devine, Eugenia DeSomma, Linda DeSantis, Beverly Johnston, Margaret Lee, Carol Licio, Janet Marczak, Carol Palumbo and Margaret Dragone.

Every girl accepted into this society should say a prayer of thanksgiving each evening for having been granted this special honor.

Freshmen, study hard and start off right; Sophomores, work extra hard this year; Juniors, keep up the good work and maybe someday, you too will be selected for membership in this outstanding honor society. It could happen!

Legion Of Mary

The Legion of Mary has two main objectives, to sanctify its members and to draw others closer to our Blessed Mother. This world-wide organization basically follows the pattern of the Roman army. Here at Saint Michael's three praesidia have been established.

Each member is required to attend a weekly meeting and to take an active part in some worthy cause. One hour a week is devoted to work at charitable institutions such as the Home for the Blind, the Home for the Aged and Saint Joseph's Hall. The active members of this group are supported by the prayers of the auxiliary members.

Any girl who is willing to help others is welcome to become a member of the Legion of Mary.

Y. C. S.

Are you thoroughly sure that you are fulfilling your obligations as a student in this school? The Young Christian Students can supply you with the answer. Y. C. S. is trying to create a school atmosphere where all students become aware of their responsibilities to themselves, God and society. The Y. C. S.'s go out to other students and by their tact and encouragement help to make them aware of the pressing need of living their lives in a truly Christian manner. Their influence is not limited to intimate friends and relatives but embraces everyone. Teamwork is the means employed. By exchanging opinions, problems and ideas with others they broaden their outlook on life. Here is a chance to grow spiritually and mentally. Don't miss it!

Mission Club

"Going therefore teach ye all nations." These words were spoken to the Apostles by Christ. They were a command to spread the faith to all peoples. But you ask yourself, "What does that have to do with me?" You will probably not enter the religious life you can help, by helping the Mission Club.

This club meets every Monday afternoon with Sister Thomas Francis as the moderator. It is now conducting a drive to get sample medicines for the missions. The girls are going to doctors, dentists, and druggists, asking for samples of medicines etc. This is just one of the many activities carried on by the Mission Club. The members pray and ask you to pray also. Our prayers may give a missioner the strength to go on with his work, of converting, teaching etc. Are you obeying the command of Christ by assisting the missions? Remember: Prayer, Help, Sacrifice.

Forensic League

"Speak up and let us hear what you have to say!" The Forensic League will help you do just that.

It's purpose is to develop alert students who will say what they think about topics of everyday interest. There is hard work involved. Sister Mary Malcolm is the moderator of Saint Michael's most recent extracurricular activity. The members participate in various competitions with students from other Catholic high schools.

Intense work and planning go into each speech. Only girls who are willing to work are accepted. But this extra effort is not left unrewarded. Only the well informed and prepared speaker can make his points clear and project them properly. The experience obtained by partaking in these competitions is invaluable. A wise girl will not permit this opportunity to pass by, untried.

Faculty Members Tour Europe

Excitement, adventure and beauty are just a few of the many words which help to describe Europe. Two of our top faculty members, Miss Halley and Miss Morello, had the opportunity to visit this land of beauty.

Their trip included many fascinating countries. The Most impressive of these was Vatican City in Rome, where they had the privilege of hearing the Pope address the public. The effect he produced on his audience was due to the way He expressed himself, not merely by His words, but His power flowed from the love He has for mankind.

The World's Fair was interesting in that it showed the power of Russia, and specifically introduced consumer goods which is one of the main factors of the United States. For this reason the World's Fair proved to be the highlight of their trip.

The similarities, especially in the major cities of Europe and the United States, are more remarkable than different, quote the teachers.

Our visit to Europe was exciting and we would like to see it again, only there's "No Place Like Home."